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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN/SFCP - CYTOTAXONOMY OF THE YUGOSLAV FLORA

REFERENCE: BELGRADE'S 5259 AND 6201

ATTN: SCIENCE ATTACHE

1. AS GENERAL PRACTICE SMI AVOIDS PARTICIPATION IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN AMERICAN AND HOST COUNTRY PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS, BUT IN THIS RESPECT ABOVE PROJECT EXCEPTIONAL BECAUSE SMI BELIEVES UNUSUAL EFFORT DESIRABLE IN ATTEMPT REDEEM PAST FAILURE OF INITIAL AMERICAN PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR. SMI WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE SCIATT IN ACHIEVING AGREEMENT PROFESSOR FRANC SUSNIK, LJUBLJANA UNIVERSITY COLLABORATOR CYTOTAXONOMY YUGOSLAV FLORA TO THREE YEAR PROJECT BUDGET TOTALING 1,500,000 ND AND INCLUDING

PARTICIPATION THREE REPEAT THREE AMERICAN POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS, AS PROPOSED BY AMERICAN PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR FRANC VASEK IN LETTER TO SUSNIK OF FEBRUARY 15, 1974.

2. SUSNIK LETTER SEPTEMBER 5 TO SCHMERTZ, SMITHSONIAN,
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PROVIDED BUDGET AT 1,800,000 ND LEVEL WHICH INCLUDED THE THREE

AMERICAN POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHERS. JOINT BOARD, HOWEVER,
HAS APPROVED 1,500,000 ND LIMIT BASED ON AVAILABLE FUNDS.

3. SUSNIK HAS RECEIVED TWO YEARS SUPPORT FOR HIS PART HTIS
PROJECT ENTIRELY FROM SMITHSONIAN WHICH HAS BEEN AT PAINS OBTAIN
SUITABLE COLLABORATOR FOR CONTINUATION U.S. CONTRIBUTION. SUSNIK
SHARE OF FUTURE BUDGET MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS EVEN WITH THREE
AMERICAN POST-DOCTORAL PARTICIPANTS. TWO POST-DOCTORALS CURRENTLY
COMMITTED PROJECT. FIRST MAY BE LOST IF AGREEMENT NOT ACHIEVED
SOON. VASEK PREPARED RELUCTANTLY ABANDON FUNDS FUNDS FOR THIRD
STUDENT; LIMITING US PARTICIPANTS TO TWO POST-DOCTORALS IN
ADDITION PI, IF NECESSARY TO SAVE PROJECT.

4. REQUEST SCIATT (A) TELEPHONE SUSNIK TO URGE SUBMISSION BUDGET
INCLUDING THREE AMERICANS AT 1,500,000 ND/THREE YEAR TOTAL,
EXPLAIN TOTAL NOT NEGOTIABLE GIVEN JOINT FUND PROCEDURES AND
COMMITMENT ALL SMITHSONIAN FUNDS; AND (B) TELEGRAPH TO SMITHSONIAN
RESULTS SUSNIK TELECON.
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